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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, EG, ECON

SUBJECT: FIRST MEETING OF NEW CABINET

1. FOLLOWING FIRST MEETING OF NEW CABINET APRIL 16, MIN INFO  
ABU MAGD TOLD PRESS THAT PRESIDENT SADAT HAD SET THREE TASKS  
FOR HIS MINISTERS:

A) TO SPEED IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEN DOOR ECONOMIC POLICY BY  
STREAMLINING BUREAUCRACY.

B) TO ERASE ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH THROUGH SUCH "PARASITIC"  
ACTIVITIES AS TAX DODGING, BLACKMARKETEERING AND ILLICIT  
COMMISSIONS.

C) TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF ESSENTIAL SUPPLY GOODS AND  
TO GUARANTEE JUST DISTRIBUTION THROUGH RATIONING.

PRESIDENT ALSO REPORTEDLY INSTRUCTED THAT (FINANCIAL) STATEMENTS  
OF HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS BE EXAMINED TO ENSURE THEY HAVE NOT  
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RECEIVED ANY "IRREGULAR" INCOME.

2. NEW PRIMIN SALIM IS QUOTED BY PRESS AS HAVING TOLD THE CABINET THEY MUST FACE UP TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND EMPHASIZED HE WELCOMES CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM, SINCE AN ATMOSPHERE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IS BEST POSSIBLE PROTECTION (FOR EGYPT).

3. COMMENT: SALIM'S REPORTED REMARKS EMPHASIZING HIS DETERMINATION THAT DEMOCRACY BE PROTECTED ECHO PRESIDENT SADAT'S STATEMENT IN APRIL 12 POLICY ADDRESS THAT "WE WORSHIP DEMOCRACY". SALIM IS OBVIOUSLY SEEKING FROM INCEPTION OF HIS TERM OF OFFICE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT HE DOES NOT PERCEIVE HIS NEW JOB AS A MERE EXPANSION OF HIS FORMER POLICE DUTY AS MININT.

4. USEFUL PR EFFECT OF PRESIDENT'S REPORTED DETERMINATION IMPROVE ECONOMIC SITUATION WAS GIVEN FURTHER PUBLIC IMPACT BY NEW MINFIN ABU ISMA'IL. LATTER REPORTEDLY TOLD PRESS THAT STARTING POINT OF HIS WORK WILL BE CREATION OF EFFICIENT TAX APPARATUS TO INSURE "CAPITALISTS" DO NOT EVADE PAYMENT. EMPHASIZING NECESSITY OF ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION, ABU ISMA'IL SAID PRIVATE CAPITAL MUST PARTICIPATE IN ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRMS CAPABLE OF OPTIMUM RESOURCE EXPLOITATION. REASSURING NERVOUS PUBLIC SECTOR, HE ADDED THAT LIBERALIZATION SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO PRIVATE SECTOR; PUBLIC SECTOR MUST BE GIVEN "STRONG FORWARD IMPETUS" TO RID IT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL HINDRANCES.  
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